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SUBJECT RELIGIOUS REGISTRY STILL NOT OPERATIVE

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1. THE DECREE IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNMENTS  
NATIONAL RELIGIOUS REGISTRY HAS NOT YET BEEN  
RESOLVED AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE PUBLISHED  
BEFORE THE END OF APRIL, ACCORDING TO THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRYS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
WORSHIP TO EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 14. ONCE THE  
IMPLEMENTING DECREE IS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL  
BULLETIN, RELIGIOUS GROUPS WILL HAVE 90 DAYS  
IN WHICH TO REGISTER OR LOSE THEIR JURIDICAL  
STATUS.

2. TALKS WITH JEWISH AND ESTABLISHED PROTESTANT  
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS--CATHOLICS ARE NOT  
INCLUDED IN THE NEW REGISTRY AS VATICAN-ARGENTINE  
RELATIONS WERE SPELLED OUT IN A DOCUMENT IN 1966--  
INDICATE THAT THERE IS LITTLE CONCERN BY THESE GROUPS  
REGARDING THE NEW NATIONAL REGISTRY. AN AMERICAN RABBI  
LONG RESIDENT IN ARGENTINA SAID THAT RELIGIOUS GROUPS  
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HAVE FOR YEARS REGISTERED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRYS  
OFFICE OF WORSHIP AS THE MEANS BY WHICH TO ESTABLISH  
THEIR CORPORATE IDENTITY, TAX EXEMPT STATUS AND OTHER  
JURIDICAL NORMS REGARDING RELIGIOUS PROPERTY AND  
PERSONNEL.

3. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT PREVIOUSLY BANNED

SECTS SUCH AS THE DIVINE LIGHT AND HARE KRISHNA WILL NOT  
BE PERMITTED TO REGISTER AS LEGALLY RECOGNIZED RELIGIOUS  
ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA, THE REGISTRY IS NOT VIEWED  
HERE AS A GOA MANEUVER TO END RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN  
ARGENTINA. (THE JEHOVAHS WITNESSES PRESENT ANOTHER,  
MORE COMPLEX CASE AS HAS BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY.)  
ONCE THE IMPLEMENTING DECREE IS PUBLISHED, AND THE 90 DAY  
REGISTRATION PERIOD IS UNDERWAY, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
BETTER ASSESS THE EFFECT ON VARIOUS RELIGIOUS GROUPINGS.  
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